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APPLYING BOTH PULSE DOPPLER METHOD  
AND TRANSIT TIME METHOD, METHOD AND  
PROGRAM FOR AUTOMATICALLY  
SELECTING MEASUREMENT METHOD IN  
FLOWMETER, AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE  
FOR FLOWMETER

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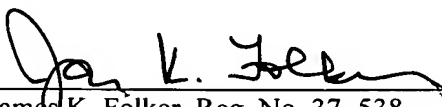
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